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## Egypt is home to the Arab League.



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- The Arab League, or the League of Arab States, is one of the oldest regional organizations in the world and is headquartered in Cairo.
- It was formed in Cairo on March 22, 1945, with six members: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

- The Arab League currently includes all 22 Arab states. Its main goals are to establish closer relations between member states, safeguard their independence and sovereignty and promote their interests.
- From 1979-1989, Egypt was expelled from the League of Arab States in response to the late President Sadat's historic visit and peace treaty with Israel. During that time, the League's headquarters was moved to Tunisia. Egypt re-joined the Arab League in 1989 under President Mubarak's leadership, and its headquarters was moved back to Cairo.
- Every Secretary-General of the Arab League, with the exception of the period between 1979 and 1991, has been an Egyptian. Amr Moussa is the current Secretary-General of the League of Arab States since his election to the position in May 2001. He is a former Egyptian Foreign Minister and diplomat.

Source: Arab League



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